

CHESTER TIMES – November 12, 1909 – PROMINENT MEN ENTERTAINED IN PICTURESQUE ROSE VALLEY – Charles T. Schoen, for Many Years a Conspicuous Figure in the Steel Business of the United States, Host to Distinguished Guests

Charles T. Schoen, former proprietor of the Schoen Steel Wheel Company at Pittsburg, who has been prominently connected with the steel industry in this country, being closely associated with Charles M. Schwab, entertained men of prominence in the new office of the Schoen Jackson Manufacturing Company at beautiful Rose Valley, on the property on which stands Schoen Haus, early last evening.

The opening of the beautiful new office was the occasion for the reception, which was a personal affair and had no connection with the new industry of the Schoen-Jackson Company. The office building is one of unique design and is well constructed. It is ornate in every respect and in keeping with the other buildings on the property. "Rose Valley" is given as the style. The form of architecture differs from that of other buildings and brings the office into prominence. In it Mr. Schoen, who is no longer actively engaged in business has a department for his personal use. Here it was that the reception and dinner was held last night.

MANY MEN OF AFFAIRS THERE – The occasion was a pleasant one and around the festive board gathered businessmen, men in public life, mainly from Philadelphia. Mr. Schoen proved himself a capital host and provided an excellent man for his guests.

Among those who accepted the invitations to be present were: Congressman J. Hampton Moore; Theodore Cramp, a leading banker; Samuel P. Rotan, Philadelphia District Attorney; Albert Dutton MacDade, Delaware County District Attorney; Andrew J. Dalton, Delaware County Prothonotary; Hon. John B. Robinson, United States Marshal; J. B. Parsons, until recently, president of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company; Hon. William M. Bunn, former Governor of Idaho; Col. Alexander Colesbury, former United States Marshal; Hon. H. F. Walton, L. H. Ayres, H. C. Bloom, Robert Bole, J. C. Nell, W. B. Bowman, C. H. Bean, J. B. Brady, R. D. Coxe J. B. Colahan Clayton Dixon, h. p. Dixon, Murrill Dobbins, Samuel Goodman, J. R. Grundy, S. P. Hutchinson, Eugene Harvey A. G. Hetherington, J. R. Jones, Trainer Kerr, Williams Landsliue, William Little, George McCail Samuel McDougal, M. H. Melanahan, H. E. Mitchell, William Price, James Pollock, William B. Riley, F. R. Shattuck, Graham Shaw, Charles Stephens, J. H. Shadrer, Edwin Thomas, Henry B. Wails, William C. Tilden, Leander Riddle and Adolph Goslia.

SCHWAB SENDS REGRETS – Charles M. Schwab, famous as the largest independent steel manufacturer in the United States, was invited to be present, but sent word that he would be unable to do so on account of a business engagement. He is a friend of Mr. Schoen's and some years ago when the former went abroad for his health he was accompanied by Mr. Schoen.

Mr. Schoen has been a prominent figure in the steel business and was the manufacturer who put steel car wheels on the market. He was the head of the Schoen Steel Wheel Works at Pittsburg, which grew to be an immense establishment. At the time that Mr. Schoen sold the property to the steel corporation he was carrying 1,000 men on his payroll. Mr. Schoen has been connected with a number of other concerns. Although he has an interest in the Schoen-Jackson Company at Rose Valley, the plant is operated by his son-in-law, W. R. Jackson, who is president of the Company.

The Schoen-Jackson plant recently began operations. The building is located at the foot of the hill below Schoen Haus. At present thirty men are employed, but it is expected that the company will later enlarge until a great many men will be on the payroll there.

The company manufactures metal hose by a process brought from abroad by Mr. Schoen, who also added an invention of his own. To import metal hose is very expensive and so much so that the hose cannot be used for ordinary purposes. Mr. Schoen believes that it can be manufactured at Rose Valley so that it can be used for many purposes, including garden hose. The flexible metal tubing has not previously been made in America, but it is declared to be a very satisfactory substitute for rubber as it is admitted that there are many uses for flexible hose to which rubber hose could not be adapted.

The industry at Rose Valley may before many years be one of the most important ones in the county and optimistic views are taken of the prospects.

A PICTURESQUE VILLAGE – The Schoen property at Rose Valley presents an entrancing scene. Where a few years ago was practically a wilderness with a few shaky buildings, a fine plot of 100 acres has been laid out and modern improvements made. Schon Haus is a handsome dwelling sitting upon a hill. Adjoining is a stable built in an attractive architectural design. Not far below is the office building which has just been completed.

Just below the embankment nearby is the famous Bishop White house, the walls of which are 140 years old. The house has been thoroughly remodeled and makes a very attractive and artistic residence.

The house was occupied at one time by Bishop White, the first Episcopal Bishop in the State of Pennsylvania, and the grandeur of age, well-preserved clusters about it. A small frame building further down the road toward the manufacturing plant will shortly be torn down and a new building erected.

A stone staircase is being constructed from the new office building to the road below leading to the plant. The manufacturing plant is located in the hollow and appears to be a busy place. Here the flexible metal hose is manufactured and it is predicted that some of these days the place will be marked with the hum of industry, giving employment to many skilled employees.

RAPIDLY GROWING COMMUNITY – At the entrance to the Schoen property was formerly a bog. This has been converted into a pretty little lake which helps to beauty the property.

Some distance from the Schoen estate a house is being constructed for W. R. Jackson, pr3esident of the Schoen-Jackson Company.

In the Rose Valley section other new houses are being built and the community is beginning to become a larger one. It is one of the prettiest dwelling sections in the country and is attracting people desirous of owning beautiful homes in a beautiful section.

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